

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kurt Briscoe on 9/9/09.

The claims have been amended as follows:

In claim 1, lines 19 to 21, deleted "cooling the product mixture to a temperature at which the 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoroisopropanol freezes and the 1,1,1-trifluoroacetone remains liquid;".

Claims 7 and 8 have been canceled.

In claim 14, lines 19 to 21, deleted "cooling the mixture to a temperature at which the 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoroisopropanol freezes and the 1,1,1-trifluoroacetone remains liquid;".

Claims 18 and 19 have been canceled.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not teach or suggest preparing 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoroisopropanol substantially free of 1,1,1-trifluoroacetone, wherein a mixture comprising both 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoroisopropanol and 1,1,1-trifluoroacetone is subjected to either of the present process steps b) i), b) iii), or b) iv). All claims (1-6, 9-17 and 20-24) are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ELVIS O. PRICE whose telephone number is (571)272-0644. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30am to 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel M. Sullivan can be reached on 571 272-0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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